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1. WOULD LIKE TO ADD OUR STRONG SUPPORT TO SECGEN
LUN'S SUGGESTION REFTEL THAT DOD BRIEFING NAC RECEIVED
DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO
KEY MEMBERS OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS.

2. LUN'S ADDITIONAL PERCEPTION THAT FINANCE MINISTRY
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AS TIME HAS LONG PAST WHEN NATIONAL NATO POLICY FORMULATION WAS SEPARABLE FROM CONSIDERATIONS OF BUDGETARY LIMITATIONS IN ANY COUNTRY INCLUDING U.S.

3. THE FINANCE MINISTRY AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEES IN THE PARLIAMENT HERE PLAY AN INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN DEFINING GON BUDGET PRIORITIES. OUR EXPERIENCE SHOWS THAT DEFENSE SPENDING HAS OFTEN SUFFERED FROM THE GENERAL IGNORANCE OF NATO AND SECURITY ISSUES AMONG PARLIAMENTARIANS SITTING ON IMPORTANT ECONOMIC/FISCAL COMMITTEES. GOVERNMENT MEMBERS THEMSELVES HAVE ADMITTED THIS SHORTCOMING TO THE EMBASSY.

4. WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SANITIZED BRIEFING AND TO HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST IN EDUCATION PROCESS.
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